

HMC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 11, 2004

Call to Order: K. Freeman called the meeting to order at 10 AM.

Roll Call: Ken Freeman, President, Bill Zazzo, Vice President, Fred Fath, Secretary and Treasurer, Al Moren, Board Member, Joseph Pentheroudakis, and Doug Allen, Island Manager.

Previous Board Meeting Minutes

Bill Zazzo made a motion to accept the August Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Two pieces of correspondence. One concerned an accident on the ferry on 7/27 and the other regarding alternative transportation during dry-dock.

Finance:

Fred Fath made a motion to pay the monthly island bills which are in line with expectations. Motion carried.

We are going to end the year with a larger than planned surplus due to revenue increase over budget. We need to have a surplus to handle dry-dock expenses in the off year

The first-half assessments under the new policy went out during September. They were input into the billing program manually as the feed from the data base was not available. This will be corrected for the next round.

Island Manager's report:

A detailed assessment of each section can be found in the Island Manager's written report. Additional discussions that occurred between the Board and HMC members present are shown below.

Administrative:

The board agreed to pay travel time (1 hour) for fill in captains called into service for short periods.

The board agreed that HMC should pay for damages to a vehicle on the ferry where it appears the crew was at fault. The low bid was about \$800. Bill Zazzo made a motion to cover the costs. Motion passed.

The member's only page on the Website will be eliminated and the documents in that area will be put into a regular page. There was nothing sensitive in this area and was the location of the Beachcomber.

Nothing further on the proposed tennis court by a renter.

Legal:

There is a need to adjust the by-laws to cover ½ year assessment billing issues. This will require a vote of the membership.

Land Use

A motion was made by Fred Fath to auction the HMC lot at 1219 West Herron for a minimum price of \$3000. Motion carried.

There was discussion on putting an article in the Beachcomber advising people that are going to be gone for months over the winter that they turn off their water (and water heaters).

A member complained about junk on HMC properties and dead trees on North Beach. Some cleanup will be scheduled.

Another member complained about motorhomes and trailers being used and left improperly on the island. HMC is not in the business of enforcing County laws. It was suggested that members contact the County on this issue.

Transportation:

There was discussion on the possibility of providing alternative ferry service during dry-dock. It is still an insurance issue and the issue of how to load and unload passengers on the mainland side. The issue will be looked into for the next dry-dock.

Pierce County has sent people to look at lots up for auction. The policy is that no person can come on the ferry without a guest pass or real-estate agent. This policy will be enforced. Dallas volunteered to respond to potential buyers.

The ferry radio license will be renewed.

A new ladder is under construction for the ferry.

Rules & Regulations:

Committee meeting today at 2:00 PM.

Fire Department/Emergency Preparedness:

District 16 will keep two engines on the island during dry-dock. A new ambulance may be given to the island in February. Fire department wants members to respond by boat to get firefighters over to the island during dry-dock during emergency. A space at the North Beach dock will be designated for these boats to remain in the water.

There is sufficient backup that a separate HMC burn-ban is not necessary.

There were 4 911 calls the last month.

Water:

Progress is being made on the new tank. Estimated completion is probably November. We are still chlorinating every week which will continue until the new tank is in place.

Parks:

Removal of small boat docks will occur after dry-dock. The Boosters want to start a permit process to cover the pad behind the fire station. Al Moren made a motion to allow Boosters to start the process to cover the pad. Motion passed.

There was a complaint about trailers and boats being left at North Beach. An article will be put in the Beachcomber to remove them. The rules process will also be used to enforce the time limit where the offender is identifiable.

Roads:

There was discussion of hiring a company to clear tree growth on the roads. Al Moren will look into getting an estimate. There are funds in the road reserves that could be used to cover the costs. These funds should be replenished over multiple years in future budgets.

A member wanted a road sign on the one-way. A plan will be instituted to look at replacement requirements.

A new drainage pipe will be obtained to replace the old metal pipe at the island ferry dock.

Boosters:

Meeting tonight 6:00PM. There will be an election tonight.

Beachcomber:

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Next issue is in September with the deadline of 9/13/04

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

Membership Questions:

None

Adjournment:

Bill Zazzo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Fred Fath, Recording Secretary